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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request to enter national phase for international patent application PCT/AU99/00185. Before beginning examination, please amend the application in the following manner:

In the Claims

Please make the following changes:

- A1 6. (Amended) The connecting means of claim 4 [or 5], wherein the connecting means is flexible.
- A2 20. (Amended) The method of claim 17 [or 19], wherein the second elements are not identical.
21. (Amended) The method of claim 18 [or 20], wherein the first elements are not identical.

Please cancel claims 36, 39 and 41-44.